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'METERS WOULD STOP WASTE OF WATER AND HARM NO ONE'

Murray Makes Tests Showing How Present System is Unfair to Careful User

"This city could make enough money in one year through a change to the meter system, to pay for entire installation at approximately \$80,000," says Harry E. Murray, manager of the water department, whose recent report to the board of supervisors carried with it the plea to change the charge system in the water department from a flat rate to a meter basis.

"We are delivering daily 16,000,000 gallons of water," continues Murray, "when tests show us that we could get along just as well on 9,000,000 gallons. Every million gallons that we delivered above this last figure would be so much 'velvet' for the water department."

Murray maintains that the argument that some people would suffer from such a change and that the city as a whole would suffer on account of stopping of irrigation, will not and does not work out on tests.

"Meters stop people from wasting water," he says, "and no one suffers if compelled to quit this waste, while the man who is always careful to conserve in his use of water is being benefited. He is not having to pay for his careless neighbor."

From now on the water manager intends to work unceasingly for the establishment of a meter system, believing this to be the most equitable method of having people pay for their water.

Ten districts recently in ten separate districts of the city, Manoa, Wai-iki, Kakaako, Punahou, Punchbowl, Palama, Kaimuki, Kalihi, Nuuanu and the downtown district show some interesting results.

The total amount from meter rates on these 136 tests was \$1731.35, while the total for the 136 on flat rates was \$1443.20, a difference of \$288.50 less for flat rates.

However, this does not mean that all of the meter rates proved higher, for many users of water were found whose flat rates far exceeded their rates by meter.

For example, out of six tests in Manoa, only three showed meter rates in excess of flat rates, two were equal and the other had a difference in favor of the meter charge from \$19 to \$10. In Wai-iki, the rate was three to four out of seven tests, four persons being found who would have to pay more if meters were installed, which shows that their present flat rate is

too small for the amount of water being used.

Six Tests in Town.

Typical of the condition in the town district are the results of six tests, as follows:

Flat Rate	Meter Rate
\$25.00	\$11.05
37.00	20.40
20.00	93.20
6.00	6.00
6.00	12.50
50.00	31.00

Total \$144.00 \$224.20

Punahou Would Feel It.

In Punahou district, which is largely residential, the flat rate showed a total of \$151.40 as compared with \$177.05 for meters, 11 tests being taken. The figures are as follows:

Flat Rate	Meter Rate
\$10.50	\$ 6.50
11.50	6.30
14.50	15.75
6.00	18.80
6.00	6.00
16.00	26.80
10.00	6.00
24.00	24.70
9.00	17.50
33.40	25.60
10.50	22.80

Kakaako district showed the following results:

Flat Rate	Meter Rate
\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
8.00	6.00
16.00	19.20
30.00	31.20

Figures computed from the 564 domestic meters now in use show that the average number of gallons of water used daily by each dwelling is 814, the average per capita consumption being 184.4 gallons.

The average daily number of gallons per meter for each of the districts is shown to be as follows: Manoa, 735.2; Kalihi, 253.1; Kakaako, 404.5; Palama, 394.5; Punchbowl, 401.5; Nuuanu, 546.8; Wai-iki, 640.9; Kapahulu, 1004.5; Punahou, 757.1; Kaimuki, 872.2; Diamond Head, 1557.2, and Kalahele, 2206.2.

In the downtown district the average consumption in tenement houses and hotels each day is 3249 gallons; in industrial uses, 4427 gallons; in business houses and stores, 2475, and in miscellaneous uses, 1213 gallons daily, making an average consumption of 284.1 gallons.

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CONVENTION OF REPUBLICANS TO BEGIN APRIL 3

With little argument against the date for the big gathering, it was decided at a meeting of the Republican territorial committee last night that the Republican territorial convention will open at 10 o'clock on the morning of April 3.

It was further decided to hold a mass meeting on the evening of April 3, at the close of the convention, at which time it will be explained to those interested just what the party intends to do in case it wins out in the coming campaign. Primaries for the election of delegates to the convention will be held throughout the territory on March 25, nominations to be announced on March 17. Six delegates will be elected by the convention to the national convention which will be held next June.

A committee to have charge of the preliminary details of the local con-

vention will be named at an early date by Lorin Andrews, chairman of the territorial committee.

SHORTAGE OF COAL IN AUSTRO-HUNGARY

ZURICH, Switzerland. — A large part of Austria-Hungary is suffering from a shortage of coal.

In Budapest electric lighting of the streets has been suspended and private consumers have been notified that they may soon expect the cutting off of their electric supply. In Vienna cooking with gas has been forbidden.

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